During the last four months, 11 Indian Army personnel were killed and 19 Indian Army personnel were wounded due to enemy firing along LoC.

Increase in deployment of troops by Pakistan along LoC

327. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has deployed more troops along the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir and Ganganagar in Rajasthan recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the matter was taken up with the Government of Pakistan, if so, the results thereof; and

(d) the steps Government have so far taken or propose to take to effectively retaliate and repulse any Pakistan gameplan?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Opposite Akhnoor sector, two Pakistani infantry divisions and two armoured formations are located from the second week of October and opposite Ganganagar sector one Pakistan infantry division and one armoured division are present. This is ostensibly an exercise as a part of routine yearly Winter Collective Training. No unusual military activity and dumping of additional arms and ammunitions along the International Border has come to notice.

(c) The matter has been taken up with Pakistan at the level of Director General of Military Operations.

(d) Activities of Pakistan along the Line of Control are constantly monitored and a high state of vigilance is being maintained. Adequate measures have been taken to ensure the security of the Border.